

**Salem Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, April 7, 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Guest Speaker: John Zerbe                      Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh  
The flowers are given to the glory by Rex & Lisa Lloyd



Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles  
Welcome & Prayer

\*Hymn                      **Great is His Faithfulness**                      40

Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, we are a people formed by Your Word in Christ; **but we have wandered away from Your truth**, we have broken Your commandments, **we have distorted Your teachings to serve our own ends**, we have failed to trust Your promises, **and we have refused Your mercy**. Ground us again, O Holy One, **in the written wisdom of Scripture and in the living Word which is Christ Jesus**. Nourish us on the bread of His teachings until we can taste Your goodness. **Renew us at the fountain of His wisdom**, so we may find joy in obedience and freedom in giving ourselves to You. **We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession).*

Assurance of Pardon  
Response                      **Glory Be to the Father**                      Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People  
Prayer Response

**The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings

1 John 1:1-10 (NLT) \*see insert\*

\*Hymn

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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Sermon

**"The Eclipse of the Heart"**

Speaker: John Zerbe

\*\*See insert for message notes related to the sermon

\*Prayer of Dedication for the Offertory

\*Response

**Praise God**

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\*Hymn

**Sweet Hour of Prayer**

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\*Taking the Light into the World

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Congregational Response

**Three Fold Amen**

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\*Those who are able are invited to stand.



**Financial Update**

Needed Weekly:	\$2,298.10	Needed to Date:	\$29,875.31
Rec'd 03/31/24:	\$5,492.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$37,103.25

**Sunday:** 2024-04-07  
9:30 AM Worship with guest speaker John Zerbe  
(nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans)  
One Great Hour of Sharing for Lincolnview Bible

**Tuesday:** 2024-04-09  
7:00 AM Men's Bible Study in Van Wert at the Orchard Tree  
7:00 PM Women's Bible study in church basement

**Sunday:** 2024-04-14  
9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Steve & Lindsay Richards)  
5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

**Announcements:**

The next **Session meeting** is at 10:45 on April 21.

Salem is collecting offerings from the heart for the **Salvation Army**. There is a monthly need, and your generosity is greatly needed. Each month we collect different food. The food for April is ravioli.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **May newsletter**. Submit them to [secretary@saalemchurch.cc](mailto:secretary@saalemchurch.cc).

**Upcoming Birthdays**

8 <sup>th</sup> Piper Finn	8 <sup>th</sup> Andy Breese	12 <sup>th</sup> Makenna Kimmet
13 <sup>th</sup> Sami Jones	16 <sup>th</sup> Bill Evans	16 <sup>th</sup> Anne Morris

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Josh Archinal (recovering from car accident)  
Cindy (Davis) Barnes (liver transplant)  
Charles Boroff (heart issue)  
Jason Boyd (terminal cancer)  
Dave Burnett (heart issues)  
Tim (Alfie) Burnett (recovering from a car accident)  
Kim Coil (foot surgery)  
Pastor Tom Emery (long Covid healing)  
Marjorie Eutsler  
Ellen Friesner  
Shana Fryer  
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)  
Jane Harter  
Jerry & Elizabeth Holscher  
Pat Hunt (breast cancer)  
David Morris (Zeb)  
Larry Miller (cancer)  
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer)  
Paul & Doris Price  
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)  
Kristy Ringwald (adenoid cystic carcinoma)  
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Derek Sellers (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)  
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1 We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life. 2 This one who is life itself was revealed to us, and we have seen him. And now we testify and proclaim to you that he is the one who is eternal life. He was with the Father, and then he was revealed to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we ourselves have actually seen and heard so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that you may fully share our joy. 5 This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. 6 So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. 7 But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

**Message Notes**

Matthew 5:13-16 (NLT)

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless. 14 “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Philippians 2:15 (NLT)

15...Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.

Matthew 5:16 (The Message)

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